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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1-12 and 14-19 will be pending, of which claim 1 is independent. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 13.

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,376,571 B1 to Chawla *et al.* (Chawla), or by U.S. Published Pending Application No. 2002/0147248 A1 to Montgomery *et al.* (Montgomery). Claims 1-10, and 12-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,714,712 B2 to Bishop *et al.* (Bishop). Claim 11 has also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Bishop in view of Chawla. The Applicants submit that the above amendment fully remedies these rejections, and respectfully request that they be withdrawn. None of Chawla, Montgomery, or Bishop alone or in combination disclose or render obvious a radiation-curable optical fiber coating composition including a radiation-curable oligomer and an alkoxyated aliphatic reactive diluent comprising an aliphatic moiety having at least 7 carbon atoms, where the coating composition has a cure speed of less than 0.30 J/cm^2 .

Therefore, as all objections and rejections having been addressed and overcome, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

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